the part of the SHO concerned to take proper interest in the investigation of the case. The matter has been taken up for initiating suitable disciplinary proceedings against him.

National Debate on Conversions

854. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has given a call for a national debate on the issue of conversions;

(b) whether Government have crystallized their own view in this subject;

(c) whether Government intend to bring out a white paper on this subject which would help in a proper debate on the subject, in all its legitimate aspects, without allowing any section or sections of the people to hijack the debate to turn into a propaganda weapon; and

(d) if not, the reasons for making the suggestion of this nature?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The Prime Minister agreed with the suggestion of Sarvodaya leaders in Dangs (Gujarat) that there should be a national debate on the issue of conversions. The basic idea is that this would facilitate an inter-faith dialogue with a view to clarifying positions and clearing misunderstanding. The question of Government formulating its own views and making suggestions on the matter does not arise.

Auto Thefts in Delhi

855. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of auto theft are increasing in the capital day by day;

(b) if so, the number of such cases brought to the notice of the Delhi Police during the last one year, month-wise:

(c) in how many cases the Delhi Police succeeded in apprehending the culprits and recovered stolen vehicles;

(d) whether efforts of the Delhi Police to nab the culprits remain ineffective; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The number of cases of auto theft reported in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the year, 1998, month-wise, was as under:

Month	Number of cases reported
January	612
February	606
March	664
April	607
May	686
June	815
July	842
August	793
September	733
October	739
November	632
December	828

(c) to (e) The requisite information is given as under:

	1998
Number of cases solved	1118
Number of persons arrested	1661
Number of vehicles recovered	2450

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856. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय जागृति संस्थान द्वारा गत दिसम्बर, 1998 माह में सरकार को अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ शासकीय गुप्त बात अधिनियम में संशोधन करने के अनुरोध के साथ एक ज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किया था;